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Governor's Intro to Service Learning 101

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"I'll be back," with 16 hours of service learning for you "girly men."

On May 11 2004, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger met with representatives from the University of California and Cal State University systems. They met in Sacramento to talk about community service, service learning, and volunteer work.

The Governor and the Universities drew up plans to require community service from all college students in the California system. From the years 2005-2011 California college students will have to do 16 hours of community service work in order to get their diploma.

"It's a quick solution, it looks good on paper, but in actuality, it's just a rubber stamp that says 16 hours," said the Director of the Service Learning Institute, Dr. Seth Pollack. "We (at CSUMB) are going to teach students to make the distinction not about service hours, and not about the service, but about the learning. The learning, though, takes time and money."

Where did this sudden need to scramble for service and volunteer work come from? According to the Cal performance review document in 2002, the Public Policy Institute of California conducted a survey and found that more Americans per capita are basically sitting on their asses (video games, TV, internet, cars).

Americans have a low social wealth on average. No longer are people joining bowling leagues and getting involved in the community, according to a political scientist from Harvard University, Robert Putnam, who wrote an essay entitled "Bowling Alone."

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A place to call home

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Nervous expectations and concerns were on the minds of CSUMB students who were slated to live in the brand new North Quad Suites and Apartments.

"I was definitely worried about my room size and closet space," recalled Mary Alison Higi, a returning sophomore living in Building 303. "I was also nervous about living with five other people."

According to Andy Klingelhofer, the director of Residential Life, the students were quite excited to request rooms in

the new buildings. Not knowing what the rooms looked like, Residential Life used floor plans and photographs to give students an idea of what their living spaces may look like.

The North Quad consists of two buildings of suites and one apartment building designed for seniors and some juniors. Buildings 302 and 303 consist of either four-bedroom/two bathroom or two bedroom/one bathroom suites where students are assigned single or double rooms.

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UAW union represents students

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Thousands of student employees have been snapped up by the jaws of the 1.2 million-member international union United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW).

Scheduled for September is a meeting of the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees in formal recognition of UAW as the exclusive representative for approximately 6,000 academic student-employees in the CSU system.

CSUMB student employees affected include those who perform grading, tutoring or instruction for a majority of their work hours, according to the tentative agreement.

"Virtually every other employee has a seat at the bargaining table and academic student employees want a seat at the table for when the pie is cut up, especially in times of tight budgets," said UAW International Representative Mike Miller. "The employees are seeking to get fee waivers, increased wages, workload limits and other job responsibilities."

UAW has previously unionized academic student employees at Brown University, the University of Massachusetts, Columbia University, the University of Washington, New York University, George Washington University and the University of California.

The University of California's latest three-year contract with UAW includes fee remission, health insurance premium remission and three pay raises of 1.5 per-

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They differ from the North Quad Apartments because the apartments consist of only single-occupancy rooms while still having the four-bedroom/two bathroom or two bedroom/one bathroom setups.

The suites and apartments consist of almost the same furnishings. They come with a sofa, an entertainment center, coffee table, and a kitchenette that includes a large refrigerator, microwave, a sink with a garbage disposal, and cabinets for food. The only differences between them are that the apartments include their own stove, oven, dishwasher, and their furniture is cherry wood-stained.

It seems as though the overall consensus of the students is generally positive. "The buildings look really nice," said Alysia Walther, a returning sophomore. "I like the common area in the suites 'cause it's a great way to meet new people. I think it's a good way for sophomores and juniors to get to know each other."

"I actually like living here in the North Quad," expressed Ren Herring, a returning junior living in the new apartments. "At first I was a bit skeptical, but it's

extremely nice being close to all of your classes."

According to Herring, the thing he would have liked was to have the place a little bigger. He found it a little too small for the price.

The cost of a single room for the suites is \$2,897.50 per semester, while students pay \$2,200 for a double. Each student pays \$3,000 for a single room per semester in the apartments.

When asked about the price, David Scales, a junior transfer student living in the Suites thinks the price is okay but "for that much, I think we deserve an oven or a stove top."

One student complaint is the requirement to buy a separate \$35 parking permit to park on the North Quad parking lot. "It's unfair we have to buy a separate parking permit," Walther said, "I think it's completely ridiculous."

Because of the high cost of the buildings, an estimated \$39 million, students are expected fork over extra money.

Klingelhofer explained that the reason for the separate parking permit is to help pay for the construction of the buildings. "Since the parking lots were built with money used to build the buildings, it is separate from any other campus money. The cost of building the buildings and the

parking lots has to be paid back over 30 years," he said.

"For the most part, the students really like the buildings," said Klingelhofer. "There have been specific complaints, but they're generally happy with it." Along with the cost and extra parking permit, those "specific complaints" include the lack of cable, faulty locks, and low flow toilets, but all those problems have either been already solved or are in the process of being fixed.

"People are asking for their money back," Katrice Miller, a senior R.A. said about the problem of no cable. "When you have a building, safety is first, cable is usually the last thing to go up." Her suggestion to students who complain about the cable is a simple one, "Make a friend."

The completion of the buildings is still in the works. "The developments are going fairly smoothly, (but) behind (the) completion schedule a little," Klingelhofer stated.

Miller added, "It's not going to be perfect, but we're working hard and (are) on top of things."

Most students don't seem to mind the construction workers that start working early in the morning. "It's all good," said Scales, "I know they have work to do and they're making it better for us."

Neil Beadle, a senior living in the new apartments stated, "I have been woken up by them early on a couple occasions, but I have found them to be very nice and apologetic."

The "Sophomore Experience" in Building 302 is a program set up to give sophomores resources to succeed. Klingelhofer explained that sophomores have the highest drop out percentage (24%) in the university.

"Res Life decided to dedicate programming to help sophomores stay in school. It's tied in A.S.A.P., choosing majors - basically to get on track." He also added, "They are placed there to be with 'like' people who are experiencing the same things."

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Grito de Independencia: Celebrating Mexican Independence Day

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Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla's bell usually rang to offer prayer and redemption but on the early morning of September 16, 1810 it rang for freedom for the citizens of Dolores.

For many years Mexicans were exploited and oppressed by Spaniards and treated as second-class citizens. Nearly 200 years ago on Sept. 16, Costilla, a Catholic priest, rang the bell of his cathedral to call on the citizens of Dolores to revolt against the Spaniards in effort to gain equality and freedom for Mexicans. After 10 years of war, Mexico finally gained its freedom from Spain and continued to celebrate this triumphant event through annual gatherings and festivities.

On Sept. 15 the Nu Alpha Kappa (NAK) fraternity and Theta Alpha Sigma sorority invited students to join them in the main quad from 11:30 p.m. -12:15 a.m. to participate in "El Grito." Students gathered to celebrate Mexican Independence Day by singing the National Anthem and expressing their feelings about this historic event through spoken word. Following Wednesday's event they will hold a "Carnival" on Sept. 16 from noon -2 p.m. in the main quad to create awareness and educate other students, faculty and staff about the importance of this date through various activities such as games and information booths.

Different booths will represent different countries during the festival to educate students on significant events that occurred.

According to Adan Alvarez, NAK fraternity brother, the importance of "being able to show your right of equality and freedom of speech" is one of the messages that the NAK fraternity and the Theta Alpha Sigma sorority are sending

out to those students who are not aware of such important dates in Mexican history.

This day holds a lot of meaning to many Mexicans and Mexican-Americans, "Just as what the Fourth of July means to any American," said José Sanchez, NAK fraternity brother.

Education is a key factor when it comes to celebrating Mexican Independence Day at CSUMB.

"Learn who you are and where you come from," said Alvarez.

Mexican Independence Day is "the ability to survive and stand up for who you are," said Sanchez.

Cinco de Mayo is often confused as Mexican Independence Day.

"Both are battles," said Alvarez. "The Fifth of May was against the French, the biggest army at that time...a lot of Chicanos adopt the Fifth of May as their Independence Day, that's just what they believe."

Alvarez further explained, although both May 5 and Sept. 16 are historic events in Mexican history, "Cinco de Mayo is usually used as an excuse to party".

To finish off the Mexican Independence Day celebration there will be a "Grito" including Banda Magia Nueva sponsored by Associated Students Events Workgroup, which will be held at the Black Box Cabaret (BBC) from 8:00 p.m.-midnight.

The ladies and gentlemen of Theta Alpha Sigma and Nu Alpha Kappa are working on making the celebration of Mexican Independence Day an annual event. They are encouraging all students, staff and faculty to join in and support the commemoration of this momentous day in history.

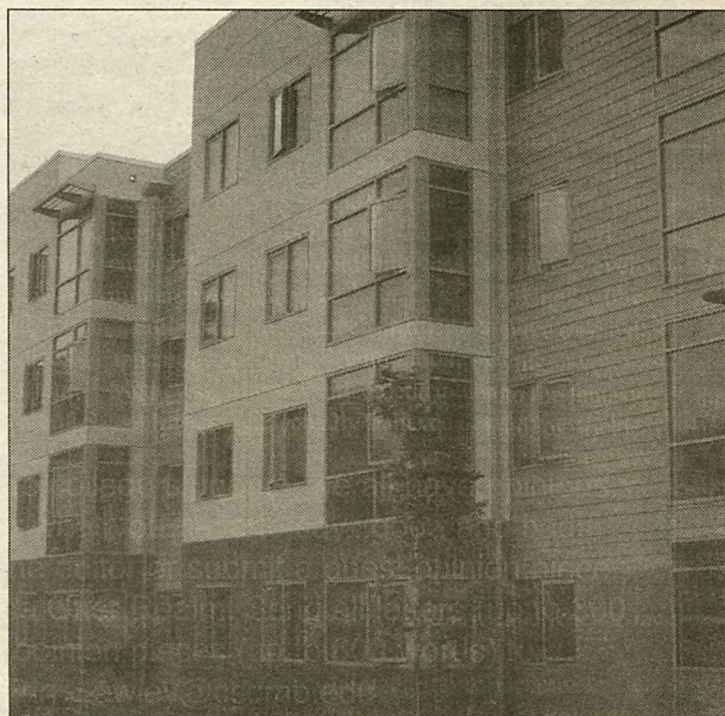


PHOTO BY CHAD GHIRON

Aside from some minor glitches, no major complaints have been voiced about the Suites.

A four-street compromise for housing

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The recently designated four quiet streets in CSUMB's two Frederick Park neighborhoods are the compromise of a two-sided "housing war" that took place earlier this year between upper-division students and CSUMB's Office of Residential Life.

Last November, the Office of Residential Life introduced plans for the \$39 million North Quad housing area. Single students living in Frederick Park II were asked to move into the new North Quad or vacant slots in Frederick Park I.

In response, students formed the CSUMB Tenants Union (CTU). CTU member Mark Weirick said their efforts allowed single students living in Frederick Park II before fall 2004 to stay under a quasi-family status where up to four students were allowed

to live together with one student acting as a leaseholder.

CTU member Ezekiel Bean lives alone, and worried the relocation and rent increase would bring him financial disaster. Bean said the announcements Residential Life sent in the mail about the situation left single students with little time to act.

Dean of Student Life, Andy Klingelhoef, maintains no single students living in Frederick Park during this time were forced to move. The changes only affected incoming CSUMB students and lower-division students who had originally applied to live in Frederick Park when they reached upper-division status.

"There was a lot of misinformation going around," said Klingelhoef. He feels CTU gave students a way to voice concerns, but was not the reason they got to stay in Frederick Park.

While the single students that remain in Frederick Park can



PHOTO BY CHAD GHIRON

Single students occupy fewer FP apartments now that the North Quad Suites and Apartments have opened.

now choose to live on one of the four quiet streets designated in the final compromise, Weirick is not satisfied. "Res Life has been trying to frame the whole issue that it's really about single status students and family students not

being able to live together, but the real issue has always been that they've been trying to push us out into the North Quad to pay it off."

For more information please direct questions to Res Life.

Campus Events

To post an event, contact Matt Fox via FirstClass.

Thursday, Sept. 16

RHA Movie Night – Starsky & Hutch
10 P.M.

For more information: <http://housing.csUMB.edu/rha/events.htm>.

Friday, Sept. 17

KaplanPractice Test Drive. Are you interested in discovering how you would score on the MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, or GRE? Pre-register for the Free Kaplan Practice Test Drive event and find out.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Contact the Career Development Center at 582-3845.

Saturday, Sept. 18

CSUMB 10th Anniversary Founder's Day Celebration in the Quad. CSU Monterey Bay will hold a 10 year anniversary celebration on the Quad. Enjoy various activities throughout the day, with a grand finale event starting at 5pm in the Main Quad. Free to all, Reserved Tables can be purchased for \$150 (table of 8) 10 a.m. – all day. Contact Michele Melicia at 582-4141.

Monday, Sept. 20 - Friday, Sept. 24

National Suicide Prevention & Awareness Week will provide educational materials on how to look for the signs, where to get help and other helpful information on how to prevent suicide. Stop by their Suicide education booth in the quad the week of September 20th or visit the Personal Growth and counseling center in Building 80.

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'Quiet Crisis' shouts message

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While the CSUMB grads celebrated the long awaited commencement and entrance to the real world, CSUMB President Peter Smith celebrated the arrival of his book, "Quiet Crisis: How higher education is failing America."

Smith's book was published this past June; it is a book discussing higher education and how (according to President Smith) it is an issue facing both high school and college students.

Smith chose the title "Quiet Crisis" and the topic because as he stated, "This is unlike any other epidemic, because no one seems to talk about it." To Smith, education is a big issue this nation faces. Along with the title, he picked the word "fail", because he feels if the nation continues with minimal success in higher education, America will be hurting itself.

Smith hopes his audience will be anyone who is interested in higher education. This would include parents, students, policymakers, and politicians. With this audience in mind he also hopes that his book will provide an interesting example of changing laws and policies, to promote a new wave of education. Smith hopes to do this using the unique CSUMB academic model of Service Learning and Major Learning Outcomes.

The whole purpose for writing this book was for personal reasons, claimed Smith, since he has been in both education and politics for

almost 35 years. Smith said that both his personal and political life experiences have shown that "higher education is the most important issue (which is also a domestic issue) being faced by all Americans of all cultures, incomes, and ages."

When CSUMB was in it's early stages of development, Smith was forced to put his book idea on hold. He believes the wait was worthwhile, feeling the book came out better than expected. Much of this belief comes from having the opportunity to spin off a different kind of academic model at CSUMB.

After the book had been written, Smith had a comprehensive look at the consequences society faced for failing to truly educate students. Smith lays the blame on a lack of educator's ability. "It's not because the students lack the capacity to learn, but because schools lack the capacity to educate."

Though not everyone agrees with Smith and his theories of why higher education is failing in America. "I think it does not reflect on the colleges, it reflects on the students. Some students are just not cut out for college," said Lyndsay Sutton, a senior TAT major. Sutton believes that it's really up to the students.

According to Sutton, she knows plenty of students who have graduated and have continued into the workforce under the career that they studied. The only differences that Sutton has found between CSUMB and other CSU's is the foreign language requirement and the Technology Tools requirement. CSUMB also has a service-learning requirement not found in many other CSU's.

Sutton understands why the foreign language and tech tools requirements are in place, but feels that it is pointless for those students who have worked in high school for four years to have to take language at CSUMB again.

Smith on the other hand, brought up the issue of graduating high school students, stating that there are less high school students going to college. "I could not have told you how many students from 9th grade out of 100 would go to college... 32 would not finish highs

school and only 18 would graduate in 10 years with a B.A. or B.S., this is the national average."

As far as Ivy League schools go, Smith mentions that they are good institutions but only take a certain number of students who are no risk and who are already star students. These schools take students who have shown the capability to follow the schools expectations instead of developing their potential.

"Universities shouldn't be developing one thought for every person; universities should be developing people who think, and I think we are doing that," said Smith.

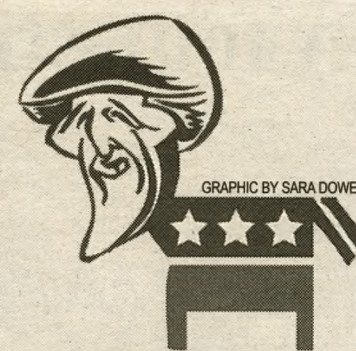
Smith added, "I think we add much more value to student's lives than Ivy League schools do. Our students come to us with lots of potential, and they have not always shown what they can do. They come and we take that potential and help them become outstanding students and outstanding citizens." In addition, Smith mentioned that Ivy League schools just give a reputation to students of having gone to a good school.

According to Smith, CSUMB falls in the leadership vanguard; it's extremely well founded. CSUMB has graduation rates above the national average, and the school has gone very far for only being around for 10 years.

The Chancellor of the CSU System, Charles B. Reed, recently read Smith's new book. He believes this book shows a new view on higher education. Reed's Public Affairs Director, Colleen Bentley-Adler, released a statement representing the chancellor and quoting, "Peter's book has lots of good ideas. Many people from around the country have commented to me that they like Peter's focus on meeting the true needs of students, and that is an important focus for all of us in education."

As schools continue to develop, Smith hopes future academic models are developed to double the number of graduating students. Also, he hopes the new academic models bring out the students potential.

"A great university values asking right questions and active reflection on the answers," Smith said.



GRAPHIC BY SARA DOWE

Candidates weigh-in on debate issues

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Since the 2004 presidential election is just around the corner, it seems to be almost impossible to escape presidential candidates John Kerry and George W. Bush. Their faces and voices haunt us everywhere we go, but some voters are still unsure of what stance they take on significant issues in our society.

"...We should put more money and attention into our education systems instead of funding weapons ... for the most powerful nation in the world."

—MICHAEL COLLINS

With the still-confused voters in mind, the candidates will face off in the 2004 Presidential Debates to discuss their positions on the controversial topics facing our nation. During a series of four debates, three presidential and a vice-presidential, voters will finally be able to get some clarification on what our candidates' planned actions are if they get voted to lead our country.

Though the topics up for debate have not yet been agreed upon officially, viewers can expect discussions of homeland

security, health care, the Iraqi war, job security, environmental issues, gay marriage, immigration, and education.

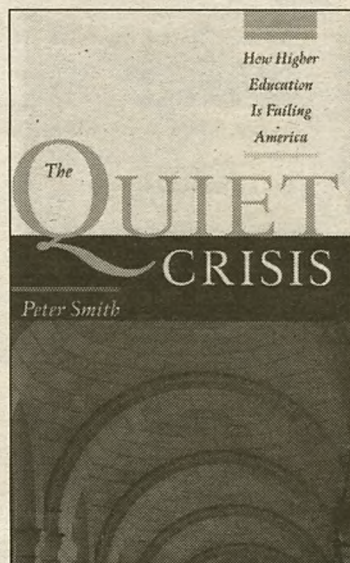
Perhaps the issue that may impact CSUMB students, as well as students across the nation in a significant way, is the subject of college costs. Tuition for attending school has been increasing rapidly, which is just an extra hardship on many students, especially for those who have to financially support themselves.

Junior Michael Collins stated, "It would be great if they tackled the education-related issues. Education is the start of someone's future. Because of this, we should put more money and attention into our education systems instead of funding weapons and extra security for the most powerful nation in the world."

Junior Stephen Gavinport was most concerned with the fate of the environment under the future president. "I love the environment. My goal in life is to preserve it. I don't like Bush's plan of drilling for oil in Alaska. The environment will survive longer than we will, so it is important to take that into consideration."

The debates are an organization of the Commission on Presidential Debates, a non-profit, unbiased organization, which was created to help inform confused voters about their future president.

Tune into the 2004 Presidential Debates on Sept. 30 and Oct. 5, 8, and 13 at 6 p.m. on your major news stations.



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cent each.

CSUMB Associate Vice President for External Relations, Stephen M. Reed, said unionization "could theoretically have a profound impact." A generous contract would result in fewer students being hired, according to Reed, diminishing student enrichment and lessening opportunity.

Student reactions varied. "I support equality for student employees," Reed said. "But I don't know if a union's the way to do it."

"We work just as hard as the teachers. We just want to be recognized for the work we do. I don't feel I need a group of people to back me."

—SUNDY SOSAVANH

"I don't feel like a union is necessary," said Victor Torres, math tutor and Humanities and Communication major. Torres feels well treated and once "weaseled" his way out of joining the union. "I would hope that it doesn't try to speak for me."

"We work just as hard as the teachers. We just want to be recognized for the work that we do," said Sundry Sosavanh, technology tutor and Liberal Studies major. "I don't feel I need a group of people to back me."

"I don't know of any student who hasn't seen a pay raise," said Jay Singh, lead tutor and Business major. He remembers an aggressive union recruiter having to be asked to leave the tutoring center a few months ago.

"Our tutors are really well taken care of," says Singh.

Union members have to pay membership dues or their fair share. "It costs some amount to negotiate a contract that includes fee waivers, increased wages, etc. Everyone benefits so everyone pays," Miller said. "Membership is voluntary."

"Our demands have been ratified and will be made public soon," Miller said. He looks forward to cooperative and productive negotiations and expects the first contract this fall.

Seal bombs damage cars on campus

Police have no leads on suspect

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It might have sounded like the Fourth of July this whole summer for those staying in Building 201, but it certainly was not a celebration for those students whose cars were damaged by... seal bombs?

Between May and August there have been seven different incidents. All incidents include damaged car windshields. Out of the seven incidents only one was in Frederick Park apartments, while another one happened to a gentleman who was visiting overnight.

The incidents have not happened since a reward was put out to catch the crooks. The last incident to occur was on Aug. 23 at 2:23 a.m. in Parking Lot 201.

These bombings have been mostly residential to students living in Building 201, and campus police have increased the attention of this area by increasing patrols around the times of the past bombings. Campus police have been trying to reach the campus community, aggressively trying

to get more leads.

The only patterns they found are the times, in which the incidents consistently happened, between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. There are no patterns in the type of vehicles or targeted groups, and the areas in the lot itself have been random. There have been no casualties either.

"He or she should be punished. Have him or her pay a fine and the damages toward the property."

—ALICIA BLOUNT

"If someone could articulate, campus police would look into it," says Sgt. Earl Lawson.

Campus police are not sure of the motivation behind the crimes, but to them it's obvious that it is simply malicious.

Officer Matthew Brown was a witness to one of the incidents; he was called to make a report. Brown said, "There was

one call in the morning, I arrived and there was a hole on the windshield...the victim was upset of the financial part alone."

The expenses of a windshield repair runs up to \$400; students have had no choice but to get their windshield repaired.

The vandal activity is isolated to the campus however the campus police will contact other agencies if all resources within their reach are exhausted.

The property damage has been taken seriously, and the only reason Campus Police were able to detect which explosives were being used is because they found big enough pieces to identify. However, they doubt that one person is doing this without telling anyone.

While some students fear for their vehicles, others, such as Alicia Blount, junior and Business major, still feel safe as well as her property. Blount feels that the wrongdoer should pay for his/her actions. Blount said, "He or she should be punished. Have him or her pay a fine and the damages toward the property."

Service: CSUMB leads the pack

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Cal State Monterey Bay is the only public university or college in the state to require such service and was recently mentioned and recognized for this in the Los Angeles Times. CSUMB students are ahead of the game. It takes about sixty hours of community to graduate from CSUMB, if the student began attending the school freshman year.

Pollack explained that when the Service Learning institute first found out about the mandatory 16 hours of SL work they felt the need to say something. They wrote back in response to the two-page Cal performance review document saying that forcing students to do a mandatory sixteen hours of service was the wrong way to go.

When students go to their service learning sites in the name of CSUMB they should know that they are leading the way for all colleges in California, in an attempt to build stronger communities. No more "bowling alone."

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Sports

Women Otters look for footing

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The CSUMB woman's soccer team charges into conference play on Sept. 16 against the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos. So far the women are 1-1-1 this season.

CSUMB played their first game against the Vanguard University Lions on Sept. 2. The Otters came out on top thanks to great offensive play by newcomer Danyell Cortopassi and transfer Leah Voves. The Otter's stellar defense was just as exciting to watch, not letting Vanguard score once.

The Otters then took on the Concordia University Eagles on Sept. 3, ending in a 1-1 tie despite awesome stops by goalie Mallory Carroll. Jane Campbell scored a goal in the second half to tie the game, while freshman Kayla Welbanks had tremendous hustle and was all over the ball and opponents.

Last year CSUMB went 11-7-2, making it to the second round of the playoffs. Of the 13 returnees from last year's campaign, four will be seniors this season: Brittani Donnachie, Megan Minnick, Adrienne Sady, and Amanda Higi. In addition, they signed six transfers hoping to make an immediate impact to this young team.

"The team captains (Brittani Donnachie and Brittney Firth) are key to our success, and we are confident about moving into Division II," said Sady. "Newcomers have made an immediate impact, and since everyone contributes as a whole, everyone stands out instead of just a couple of good players."

On Sept. 7 the Otters took on Notre Dame de Namur and lost 0-4 despite a great effort. This was an important grudge match according to Sady because of two losses suffered at the hands of Notre Dame

last season, one ending in a fight.

"It was especially tough just because it was Notre Dame and they're our biggest rival. We have a hatred for them unlike anything else," said Sady. "Our goalie, Mallory Carroll, had some amazing saves, and our defense, especially Brittani Donnachie, was amazing, but it just wasn't enough. It wasn't a good day for the Otters."

"Everyone else in our league is underestimating us, but everyone needs to watch out for us," added Sady. According to her, the team is still very optimistic about moving into a new league with bigger schools, harder opponents, and a tougher schedule.

"Everyone is talented individually, and the team chemistry is present on and off the field," said Welbanks, a center midfielder from Folsom High School.

"The whole team is excited about this

season and the challenges that have been placed upon them. We have big shoes to fill this season with moving into Division II and matching last year's playoff season," added Welbanks.

Erin Roberts and Heidi Shinaut are returning for their third year as the head coaches for women's soccer. Lisa Wiener joins the coaching staff as an assistant in her first year at CSUMB. The CCAA will provide CSUMB with some stiff competition, with a schedule pitting them against the likes of Humboldt State, UC San Diego and CSU Bakersfield.

The next home game is against Sonoma State University (SSU) on Sept. 26. The Sonoma game will be part of a double header with the men's team following at 3 p.m. So come out and support your Otters play against the Sea Wolves from SSU.



Rachelle Jones (CSUMB) rushes past an opponent during a home game.

PHOTO BY MIKE GALLO

Uncommon sense



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It's time to settle the debate.

The law of averages suggests that during the first few weeks of school almost everyone at CSUMB has taken a side on this one, or at least abstained from an argument they witnessed.

I'm not talking about a woman's right to choose, global environmental standards or even the vote for the next Commander-in-Chief. No, CSUMB Otters have a more pressing issue to attend to. This of course, is Nor Cal vs. So Cal.

I could personally care less (being from the East Bay, I already know the answer), but we should be able to find a reasonable way to settle this argument without resorting to bantering back and forth on Open Forum.

If you pay attention to pro sports, then you have the benefit of seeing this settled all the time. On the field, on the court, and on the ice; the rivalry between California's professional teams brings out an intensity equaled only by every California fan's intense hate for the Yankees.

When the Giants beat the Dodgers, or the Lakers demoralize the Kings, any Giants or Lakers fan can verifiably say, "You suck, and you can't say shit 'til next time."

A simple game between the Oakland A's and the Anaheim Angels injects the overwhelming finality of 'We won, you lost,' into the midst of any Nor Cal-So Cal battle.

There could be more of a rivalry between Southern California's only remaining football franchise, the San Diego Chargers, and their counterparts in the north; unfortunately, that would never happen since the Niners and Raiders fans are way too busy beating each other up. Anyway, we all know what happened the last time the Chargers tried to use a Northern California team as a steppingstone (see Superbowl XXIX).

Other possible match-ups have less history behind them. There's not much of a rivalry between the Warriors and the L.A. Clippers. Unless they're competing for whom can be a bigger laughing stock around the NBA.

Hopefully my man Chris Mullin can change things around up in Oaktown, though, finally bringing some light to the end of the tunnel for a legion of despondent Warriors fans. But, that discussion will have to wait 'til next time.

OSC Hours

Monday – Friday
6:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Pool Hours

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

6:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. (lap swim)

12 p.m. – 2 p.m. (open swim)

4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (club usage)

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (open swim & recreation)

(M, W & F - drop in water aerobics from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

Men's midfielder leads by example

By Louie Vicuña, Staff Reporter

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On a clear, brisk afternoon, the silence of the wind is interrupted by shouts of encouragement and direction.

Tracking down the soccer ball like a hawk, the midfielder swiftly brings the ball into enemy territory. Drawing defenders, he passes the ball to a streaking forward who knocks it in for a goal. Third-year starter Nic Torricelli continues to spread the wealth among his teammates with his unselfish play, and the success of CSUMB men's soccer this season will depend largely in part to the leadership that Torricelli brings to the field.

"I take it pretty serious as the role as one of the leaders of the team. On and off the field you lead by example," said Torricelli.

Torricelli's leadership will be especially vital this year. The team has lost most of last year's captains and is full of young and new players. "There were a lot of guys who really didn't know the system Artie (Coach Cairel) likes to run," said Torricelli. "We're not here to boss them around, we're here to help them out and keep them in line."

Torricelli is given the task as setup man by creating on the outside and giving the forwards easy passes to score with.

After starting in the middle for two years Torricelli moved to the right wide side of midfield. "Like a true captain, he has embraced it," said men's soccer coach Artie Cairel.

"Nic is a good student of the game," said Cairel, "He pushes everyone around him."

The men's team is coming off two consecutive successful seasons, placing first in their conference in 2002 and second place in 2003. Both years they made it to the Regional Finals. However, this year is the first season the team will be competing in the CCAA (California College Athletic Association).

"It is definitely a league to reckon with," said Torricelli. "It's going to be a tough year for us."

A selection for the 2004 All-Conference team, Torricelli said the highlight of last season was a first round victory over Notre Dame de Namur, who has developed into one of CSUMB's biggest rivals. "We beat em", says Torricelli. "It was nice to send them home."

According to Cairel, Torricelli is the "hardest working player on the team." During the off-season he spent hours on his own working out in the weight room to get bigger and stronger.

"I would run everyday three and half to

four miles and after that I'd hit the weight room," Torricelli cracked a smile. "Even though it doesn't show."

Even though the muscles don't show, his genuine modesty does.

"I wouldn't consider myself the greatest player or anything like that. When I step on the field I don't have the best skills, I don't have the best stamina, but I'm always trying to achieve that. So my work rate and my effort pays off and helps me out in the end where I need it most. So when some players die off, I won't, because my heart and mentality will take over."

Torricelli worked especially hard on those skills as he spent the summer playing semi-pro soccer. "He is respected by all the players," said Cairel. "He is our most vocal player,"

President of the student athletic council, Torricelli is described by CSUMB Athletic Director Bill Trumbo as "the kind of person you would want all your players to be, a good athlete, a good student and a good person."

"In the future I would like to see how far I can make it in soccer. That would be my ultimate dream, making it," said Torricelli. "If not, I would like to be a history teacher back in my hometown. Vacaville has given me a lot. I'm a hometown guy and I think it's important to give back to the community."



Nic Torricelli (white shirt, right) hustles to accept a pass from teammate Stephen Lopez.

PHOTO BY CHAD GHIRON

Athletic Events

To post and event please email Darrell Hirashima via FirstClass

Friday, Sept. 17 - 19

Surfing Safari Fri. 5 p.m. - Sun. 6 p.m.
Surf in Santa Cruz and camp in the State Park, beginners welcome. \$149/students, includes almost everything.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Surf Class 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Travel to Santa Cruz and learn to surf. \$65/students, includes transportation (\$50 without transportation).

Intro to Rock Climbing 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Castle Rock State Park in Santa Cruz. \$50/students, includes transportation.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Women's Volleyball 7 p.m. CSUMB Otters vs. Dominican University Penguins @ Otter Sports Center.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Women's Soccer 2 p.m. CSUMB Otters vs. Seattle University Redhawks @ CSUMB Soccer Complex.

Saturday, Sept. 25

Sanctuary Sailing 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sail the Monterey Bay from Del Monte Beach, beginners welcome. \$5/student, Flying Juniors available.

Fort Ord Mountain Biking 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Explore trails of Fort Ord. \$6/students, BYOBike (rentals available).

Sunday, Sept. 26

Soccer Doubleheader 12:30/3 p.m.
CSUMB Otters vs. Sonoma State Seawolves @ CSUMB Soccer Complex.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Indoor Climbing 6-9 p.m. Sanctuary Rock Gym, beginners welcome. \$12/students, transportation and gear provided.

Friday, Oct. 1

Soccer Doubleheader 12:30/3 p.m.
CSUMB Otters vs. Cal State Stanislaus Warriors @ CSUMB Soccer Complex.

Women's Volleyball 7 p.m. CSUMB Otters vs. Cal State Stanislaus Warriors @ Otter Sports Center.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Cross Country 2 p.m. CSUMB Invitational.

Women's Volleyball 7 p.m. CSUMB Otters vs. Chico St. Wild Cats @ Otter Sports Center.

*Register at the Outdoor Center, Bldg. 93 for these events. Go to www.csUMB.edu/adventures for more info.

Setting the tone

By Darrell Hirashima, Sports Editor
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CSUMB women's volleyball came out of the first week of competition with a few more lumps on their head than notches on their belt. But, with the most challenging schedule in the history of the university already underway, the Otters hardly have the luxury of taking time to lick their wounds.

In the words of freshman outside hitter Brittany Etchings, "They may hit us in the face, but we're just gonna suck it up."

A sport that demands women to dive and lay themselves across a wooden floor in an effort to keep a leather ball from hitting the ground, volleyball has become a metaphor for the challenges faced by the entire athletic program.

As CSUMB lays itself out on the line in the Otters inaugural season with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the women below the net aren't the only ones trying

not to drop the ball, and there are more than floor burns and bruised hips at stake in taking this dive.

The Otter's new conference, the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA), just happens to be the most successful conference, in terms of overall championships, in all of NCAA Div. II competition. But away from the coaches' and administrators' offices and the hubbub about the implications of entering the CCAA, the women of the volleyball team are still just trying to keep the ball from hitting the floor.

CSUMB's entrance into NCAA Div. II entails a period of provisional membership in which no Otter team or player will be eligible for postseason honors. This includes playoffs and all-league honors.

The immediate reaction is to feel disappointment and compassion for the seniors who will miss out on a last chance to win it all, and perhaps even indifference due to a perceived lack of an ultimate objective at the end of the season.

But if one can peer slightly deeper into the situation and see opportunity where others see obstacles, one catches a glimpse of the inherent advantages that come with having nothing to lose.

"We can experiment and do stuff we ordinarily wouldn't do," said head volleyball coach Jerry Gregg. "We converted one of our sophomores into a setter and we're working on running a two setter offense. That's just one possibility, but we can bear with the mistakes because of our situation."

According to senior middle blocker Lindsay Molinaro, the seniors aren't taking a chance to play at least one season in Div. II for granted; an opportunity most had given up on years ago. They see this as one last shot to show everyone in the CCAA the lengths to which their combined will can take them.

"We want to show these teams that we can be a big threat," added Molinaro, who suffered a broken hand at the beginning of September.

Gregg and his fellow Otter coaches are also well aware that if the athletic program doesn't make an immediate impression, the pro-



PHOTO BY CHAD GHIRON

The Otters stand to support one of their teammates before a crucial serve.

visional period could last as long as four years. This would erase any chance CSUMB's first recruits of the NCAA era would ever have of competing in the postseason.

"We don't need to experiment that much," added Gregg.

After posting a 1-3 record at the Otter Classic on the last weekend of August — the win came that Friday night against the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs — the Otters dropped another game to Holy Names University in Oakland, and then fell to the Hayward State Pioneers on Sep. 8. They faced another loss against the Sonoma

State Seawolves during the conference opener on Sep. 11.

Despite the bumpy start, no one is starting to lose their nerve. With a crop of new young talent and eight returnees from last year's squad, Molinaro and her fellow seniors, Jillian Bach, Danica Kumara and Kristen "Nani" Momoa, have no intention of playing like nothing is on the line.

"We're still giving 100 percent. We want to prove we can play with them (the CCAA)," said Bach.

After all the years of blood, sweat and sacrifice just to keep a ball from hitting the ground, these women have everything on the line.

Students jump for thrills

By Les Lamcke, Staff Reporter
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Everyone has been there, sitting alone, attempting to write that one paper for class in two hours when suddenly there is the urge to jump

out of a perfectly good airplane.

For a fairly pretty penny, Skydive Monterey Bay Inc. (SMI) will help anyone go through the motions, from ground school to jump and a fairly soft landing. SMI also provides pictures of

the entire endeavor. Almost 30 seconds of freefall and a certified skydive instructor, who is literally with you at all times, will cost you \$150. Tandem jumps are required, where the jumper is attached to a jumpmaster.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY BENJAMIN FOWLER

Benjamin Fowler, bottom, enjoys a tandem jump from about 10,000 feet.

CSUMB student Benjamin Fowler got into working at the drop zone for SMI via a friend. He said that one of the perks of the job was to go on a few jumps now and then. Fowler has been up and down three times and currently works on the Web site (www.skydivemontereybay.com).

Another student, Dsara Duggan, recounts her experience, "I was very nervous. I went with five

guys and I was the only girl...on the way up in the plane was very scary. I remember thinking, 'Yikes!' I can't believe that I am really doing this."

After the usual red tape, like signing release forms and a short video, the instructors brief you on the operations of the chute and what the beginner should experience. When it's getting close to jump time, at about 10,000 feet, the instructor just tells you to have fun and enjoy the fall. The whole ride down takes approximately five minutes, and Fowler says the view is amazing.

Duggan says the jump was well worth it. "I really had a great time and I would go a bunch more times. If anyone wants to do something very exciting and thinks you don't have anything exciting going on, do this and it will change your outlook on life and add some fun and excitement to it!" Though it can be pricey, CSUMB's Adventure Connections offers a discount.

SMI also offers classes for those who want to go beyond the initial tandem jump. Prices include all eight levels of skydive

school which totals over \$1000, however, jumps after certification may cost under \$20. All of the instructors and jumpmasters are approved by the United States Parachute Association to be instructors and certified tandem masters. One associate from SMI says that they will do demo/exhibition jumps for free, however no one at CSUMB has scheduled anything, yet.

A unique option for those partners willing to go out on a limb is the offer to join the elite in the Mile High Club. For a few bucks, any couple can be swept up and away with the company's large skydiving plane all to themselves. The pilot's cabin is locked and soundproof and the crew has taken an oath of silence, so whoever you are and whatever you do is your own business for about 30 minutes.

The cabin is finely furnished and includes a stereo and champagne at the customer's request. At the end of the flight the couple is awarded with a certificate commemorating the event. According to SMI there have never been any volunteers for entry into this club. Any takers?

Arts & Essence

No elitists allowed! Gallery opens first 'Locals' show

By Nick Noble, Staff Reporter
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The era of fine art wanes in favor of graphic art and unconventional endeavors.

"Live with it," said gallery co-owner Andrew Jackson, "that's the new fine art."

With the recent opening of downtown Monterey's Outer Edge gallery, residents can live with it. The gallery provides a platform for art that might not otherwise get to be seen in our area.

**"...He actually felt
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liked it enough to steal it."**

—SHARIF MUNIR

"If it gets shown in Carmel, we pass it by," said Jackson.

The gallery will host its first bi-annual "Locals Only" show Sept. 24 from 6-9 p.m. Jackson refers to it as a "show your own" opportunity for native artists.

With keen focus on new art styles, past Outer Edge installments include work by Shepard Fairy (co-founder of Obey Giant), David Choe, and savvy serigraph draftsman Marco Almera.

Among the artists on display is R.B.

Morris. The Humboldt State graduate has done several murals locally and designed skateboard graphics for 68 Skate, a Pacific Grove skateboard shop.

Sharif Munir, a business partner of Morris', recalls fondly, "While R.B. was having a display, one of his pieces was stolen. But rather than get all bummed about it, he actually felt complimented that somebody liked it enough to steal it."

Khalid Hussein is scheduled to participate in the show as well. The artist and student has won the American Civil Liberties Union art & essay contest twice consecutively and is entering UCLA's studio art program.

Hussein's imagery incorporates an active role of color and bends lines "as a lens skews light." Although not planned deliberately, the series to be featured is car themed.

The "Locals Only" show will also feature the spiritual and surrealistic artwork of Dabo. Having applied his talents to skimboard, surfboard, and longboard decks, Dabo is constantly seeking new ways to approach art. He has even been known to use torched metal as framing material. Dabo originals have been on display at the Fender Museum of Music and Art, and currently at the Monterey Museum of Art.

Go and support the local art scene or just see what the Monterey area is capable of at 146 Bonifacio Place.



Khalid Hussein's untitled acrylic pieces on canvas are part of his "Car Series."

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Empty pockets? Places to fill a stomach without breaking the bank

By Paul Wetterau, Staff Reporter
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As you wake up on some random floor next to half empty beer cans of Natural Light, you clench your empty sandy pockets and grumble, "I'm hella hungry." Now is the time to take some notes about local places to eat without breaking your piggy.

Tommy's, located next to the 76 Gas Station at the south end of Del Monte Boulevard in Marina, is sure to suppress the hunger. Tommy's is a favorite

amongst CSUMB students and serves a hearty "Working Man's Breakfast" which comes with eggs, hash browns and toast for a mere \$1.

"I get the 'Working Man's Breakfast' for a dollar. It's really cheap. But it doesn't taste too good. So after, I'm not really hungry either. I can wait hours until I feast again," says William Workman, HCOM senior.

For those who are a little pickier, don't despair. Bring \$5 to Donuts and Bagels, located

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Waiting for the Sky Part 1

By Adam Joseph

There was a point when I entered the Southern California jailhouse when I saw the sky disappear into a concrete forest of twisted souls. I realized I was without freedom, and my time belonged to an unknown entity hiding behind the authority of state and county law.

The guard immediately took away my shoelaces and belt insuring there'd be no hangings that day. I was given a new name spelled with numbers instead of letters. I didn't remember it then, and I don't remember it now. Nonetheless, the guards told me not to forget it.

I was then ordered into a 10-by-10 concrete room with a steel toilet and sink in the left-hand corner reeking of desolate sickness. I was in the company of about 65 other men. I didn't know what time I had arrived at the jailhouse. I wanted the time to pass right to the point when the whole nightmare would end. I found a two and a half inch space on one of the wooden benches; and squeezed between two hideously malodorous men.

The man to my left had a head full of unevenly dispersed hair plugs. His paranoid demeanor complemented methamphetamine and induced picking of skin, scabs, and anything else on his body mistakenly scooped up with his 1-inch, filthy fingernails. On my right sat a man strangely unaffected by the perverse odors escaping from every orifice of his body. He kept mumbling over and over, "I hate fucking faggots; God does also." I didn't acknowledge his existence. I just waited.

I waited in silence. I didn't know what I was waiting for. Maybe for someone to realize I shouldn't have been there. Or maybe for someone to tell me they had made a mistake. I couldn't stand not knowing how long I would be in there.

It seemed as though there wasn't a window within a 30 million-mile radius of that room. I wondered if it had grown dark outside. It was still a never-dimming fluorescence inside the small room.

I was taught in 8th grade civics that in the United States, a person was innocent until proven guilty.

Sitting in that cramped room, I didn't feel as though I was innocent, and I didn't remember being proven guilty. Sitting in that cramped room, I didn't feel as though I was innocent, and I didn't remember being proven guilty. I had nothing to occupy myself except my hysterical thoughts and my recollections of the Constitution.

I tried to shut off my mind and open up my senses in order to forget. I inhaled deeply through my nose. I was immediately hit with a steady barrage of body odor, sweat, halitosis, puke and feces, but I was unable to shut off my olfactory sense.

Many voices without faces continued babbling and blurting the same things over and over again. "What are you in for?" "How much time have you done?" "Who's your parole officer?"

I thought about the notion of "doing time" and what that meant, and how that phrase made sense to me at that moment. I, along with all those other men, had given up our time to gaze at the sky, smell newly cut grass, and taste the pure mountain air. All of our new time, inside that small room, was spent waiting for the chance to get back the old time we had given up for idiotic reasons.

I needed a cigarette, food, and a bathroom where I'd be able to have a bowel movement without 65 men watching me wipe my ass. I had no choice except to wait for all those many things I took for granted, like shitting without an audience.

Read part 2 of "Waiting for the Sky" in the next issue!

Attention freshmen Otters: Tips for surviving life at CSUMB

By Sophie Balla, Staff Reporter
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Most veteran CSUMB students remember what it feels like to leave high school as an all-knowing senior and enter a brand new environment as a confused little freshman. To try to prevent this and make the start of the semester a little less hectic, here are some tips to follow for the rest of the year:

Go to School

Perhaps this is one of the most important pieces of advice that any returning student can offer. Some students come to college thinking classes will be super hard, but sometimes the only really hard thing about it is actually attending it.

It is very tempting to skip a class or two, especially after getting a break from the constant nagging of parents. So get in the habit of going to classes, or else college will take forever.

Get aquatinted with the computer

In case anybody hasn't noticed yet, CSUMB is an especially



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technology-friendly school. A good portion of the school's curriculum revolves around FirstClass, Blackboard, and the CSUMB Web site.

While all of these programs are very useful, they might be a little complicated to pick up on right away. So, if there is some time to kill, take a second to explore these valuable programs.

Don't Share

Sharing meal cards at the DC is very common, since everybody has so much money in the beginning of the semester. But be careful, because that money will unnoticeably slip away, especially if it's feeding five people instead of one.

So keep track of this food money, because by December some of the generous students who like to share their cards may be suffering from starvation.

Close your windows

This piece of advice goes to all the first floor residents. Of course it's more comfortable to keep all the windows open at night to get a nice little breeze going. However some people see this as an open invitation into the room, especially after a night of partying. It is always nice to have visitors but not at 4 o'clock in the morning!

Take advantage of the area

At times life on the Ord could get a little slow-paced. During these times, take the opportunity to explore all the unique extra-curricular activities, services and events that our school and the community have to offer.

There are always events going on, both on and off campus. Pick up a free "Coast Weekly" to see what's happening on the peninsula.

Hours of Operation Library

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Media Learning Complex

Monday - Thursday: 7:45 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday: 7:45 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday: 6 - 10 p.m.

Black Box Cabaret

Monday & Tuesday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday: 11 a.m. - 12 a.m.

Saturday: Events only

Sunday: Closed

BBC hopes to draw crowds with weekend events

By Paul Wetterau, Staff Reporter
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Is the Black Box Cabaret just a place to drink Guinness while listening to a Friday Night Band blast bone-jarring punk rock? It could be, but that's up to the students.

The Black Box Cabaret, BBC, nestled between the Campus Health Center and the University Police Department has opened its doors to those seeking a cultural hub.

Although many returning students take the fun memories of the bohemian atmosphere for granted, Patricia Clausen, BBC manager, realizes that, to survive, the BBC is going to need more student support during the weekdays.

Clausen said, "Why aren't students hanging out here during the day, having coffee and such? I don't get it. It's a student-directed venue. The students need to support the BBC."

The BBC was once just a poorly renovated military building that

was opened by a small group of CSUMB students to create an artist's hangout. After being shut down for failure to comply with fire codes in the spring of 2000, 350 rallying protesters managed to reopen the place by passing a bill that requires each CSUMB student to pay a \$40 referendum fee each semester.

Although the students who protested and successfully saved the BBC are proud, others believe the money spent on renovating the old building was done so frivolously. Les Lamcke, Otter Student Union chair said, "We spent 1.26 million to renovate the thing. There's got to be money in the walls or something, because I don't know where that money went. It was a bad decision. We could have built a new building."

Despite Lamcke questioning the spending, he had a flashback of performing during the popular drag show "Hedwig" before a 264-crowd capacity. He smiled and said,

"It's the best place on campus."

It's disputable whether the BBC is the "best" on campus, but its food touts otherwise. Its delicious peanut butter cookies are a perfect pairing with a chai tea. And if the latter fails to be a perk up, grab a biscotti and a cappuccino and enjoy being a caffeinated cosmopolitan. The turkey sandwiches that make student feel like avoiding the Dining Commons at all costs should not be overlooked either. Imagine if students could spend their meal plan money on other fine treats?

"The student population in general is not aware that the BBC accepts meal plans, not just otter bucks," Clausen said.

"I think with the opening of the North Quad, we're going to see a gradual increase in business," said Clausen.

If one is looking to acquire some funny anecdotes, head to the Black Box. If the hunt is to find a place to hang out, maybe running into



someone like Amber Khteian, BBC assistant manager will be a bonus.

Along with local bands performing, the BBC has had hypnotists in the past, one made a male student actually think he was Justin Timberlake.

Although the BBC is known as the venue that has showcased popular bands like Agent Orange, Groundation, and Flojos Nos Visten, Clausen knows that the building is more than just a Friday Night venue.

The Low Down

To post an event please email Michelle Burke via FirstClass

Thursday, Sept. 16

John Santos, "America's Music, The Caribbean Roots of Jazz." Record and event producer Santos showcases a unique Latin jazz and percussion lecture/demonstration with his combination of traditional sounds of African percussion with contemporary music sounds. 10-11:50 a.m. CSUMB Music Hall, Building 30. Free admission. Contact Shirlene Campbell at 582-3009.

Thursday Sept. 16

Public Lecture with Roger Shimomura. Visiting artist Shimomura shares his work reflecting socio-political issues among Japanese Americans, often inspired by his late grandmother's 56 years of diary entries. 6 p.p. University Ballroom. Free Admission, parking \$1.50. Contact Visual and Public Arts at 582-4330/

Tuesday, Sept. 28

"The Pig Farm," by Michael Lee Barlin. First part of a three-part film series. Barlin's film is about "a hick, a hitman, and the other other white meat." 7:30 p.m. BBC. Free admission. Free pizza provided. Contact TAT Club via FirstClass.

Thursday Sept. 30

San Jose Taiko. Combining African, Balinese, Brazilian, Latin and jazz music, San Jose Taiko creates a truly unique sound inspired by traditional Japanese drumming. 7:30 p.m. World Theater. \$10 for CSUMB students w/ID; \$22 discount and groups; \$25 general admission. Contact World Theater Box Office at 582-4580 or online at www.csumb.edu/worldtheater.

The Big



Seductively, she lifts the hem of her skirt. The pupils in the pool of his green eyes dilate. Finally, he is allowed to run his fingers along the smooth, shiny leather. His palm, sweating with anticipation, moves quickly across the top of her foot, but he takes his time running his fingers up the front of her legs and slowly back down along the roundness of her calf.

Panting in anticipation after 20 minutes of having his head and hands fixated on her lower extremities, she grows frustrated. She tries to pull his head up to her, bring his mouth up to hers, but he cannot get enough of the leather below her thighs.

It is what drew him to her. He

heard the click of her heels, the rattle of her cuffs and saw her black pendulum legs swinging through a crowd and knew he had to have her, except what he really wanted were her boots.

A "fetish" is an object that arouses pleasure in a person to such a degree that the presence

of the object guarantees sexual arousal, such as a shoe, any leather objects or in my case, colorful, endorsement-covered spandex—best complimented when wrapped snugly around the chest and thighs of a tall, skinny cyclist—a la George Hincapie in U.S. Postal kit.

One theory postulates that fetishes develop during puberty or an early sexual encounter and, after time, the object becomes associated with sexual arousal. But theories abound as to why and how people develop fetishes. Owners of leather shops may insist some fetishes are safe and exciting ways (if consensual) of exploring repressed feelings and fantasies.

Many psychologists, on the other hand, consider fetishism a disorder, which can be described as "an unusual sexual attraction

to various stimuli." In more extreme cases, the only way a fetishist can achieve sexual satisfaction is through an inanimate object.

But I beg differ. At some point, it is time for the spandex to come off and the real race action to begin. I perceive fetishes as merely a precursor to the action, a visual warm-up.

So, if dressing up as a dominatrix this Halloween and whipping people on the dance floor sounds like fun, spank away. But if you meet a man who wants you to wear your costume well into December, you might want rethink his motives for getting down on his knees and kissing your feet the first time you meet, since you weren't exactly dressed up as royalty.

Take it slow and easy, Jo

While you were out... The best of Otter Blotter

Action doesn't stop for UPD over summer

(Yes folks, we go to college with these people...)

INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances

MAY 30 2004-Sunday

Location: FREDERICK PARK 1

Summary: A FEMALE RESIDENT REPORTED A MAN EJACULATED ON HER UNDERWEAR HE HAD REMOVED FROM A DRYER IN THE SARATOGA LAUNDRY ROOM.

INCIDENT Suspicious Person

MAY 30 2004-Sunday

Location: FREDERICK PARK 2

Summary: OFFICER STOPPED AND INTERVIEWED A DRUNK SKATEBOARDER ON SPOTSYLVANIA COURT.

LARCENY-THEFT All Other Theft (Petty)

JUN 1 2004-Tuesday

Location: FREDERICK PARK 2

Summary: OFFICER DISCOVERED THAT ALL FOUR STOP SIGNS ON MANASSAS DRIVE HAD BEEN STOLEN.

INCIDENT Suspicious Person

JUN 1 2004-Tuesday

Location: PARKING LOT 106

Summary: OFFICER STOPPED A VEHICLE DRIVING ERRATICALLY AROUND THE PARKING LOT. A MAN WAS TEACHING HIS GIRLFRIEND HOW TO DRIVE A VEHICLE WITH A MANUAL TRANSMISSION.

INCIDENT Suspicious Vehicle

JUN 19 2004-Saturday

Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 2

Summary: OFFICERS INVESTIGATED A COMPLAINT OF A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE PARKED ON PATCH COURT. OFFICERS INTERRUPTED A MALE AND A FEMALE SUBJECT IN THE VEHICLE ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY.

INCIDENT Missing Person

JUN 29 2004-Tuesday

Location: 202/RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: PARENTS REPORTED THEIR TEENAGER MISSING. OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE GIRL AT A BASKETBALL CAMP IN THE GYM. THE PARENTS FORGOT THEY SENT HER TO THE CAMP.

INCIDENT Assistance To Another Police Department

JUL 4 2004-Sunday

Location: ABRAMS DRIVE

Summary: OFFICER ASSISTED MARINA PUBLIC SAFETY WITH A REPORT OF SUSPECTS IN A VEHICLE THROWING FIRECRACKERS AT PEDESTRIANS.

INCIDENT Neighbor Dispute

JUL 6 2004-Tuesday

Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 1

Summary: OFFICERS INVESTIGATED A NEIGHBOR DISPUTE ON HOLOVITS COURT. THE DOWNSTAIRS RESIDENT WAS COMPLAINING THAT HER NEW UPSTAIRS NEIGHBORS WALK TOO LOUD AND HAVE LOUD SEX WHICH DISTURBS HER.

INCIDENT Animal Control

JUL 15 2004-Thursday

Location: AQUATICS CENTER

Summary: OFFICER RECEIVED A REPORT OF A

DOG IN THE SWIMMING POOL. THE OFFICER WAS UNABLE TO CATCH THE DOG.

VEHICLE CODE Exhibition Of Speed

JUL 23 2004-Friday

Location: PARKING LOT 106

Summary: OFFICER STOPPED AND CITED A DRIVER FOR DOING "DONUTS" AND DRIVING RECKLESSLY.

INCIDENT Noise Complaint

JUL 24 2004-Saturday

Location: FREDERICK PARK 2

Summary: OFFICERS INVESTIGATED A LOUD NOISE COMPLAINT ON ANTIETAM COURT. A RESIDENT WAS "TESTING" HIS NEW CAR STEREO.

INCIDENT Maintenance Emergency

JUL 25 2004-Sunday

Location: 208/RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A MAINTENANCE EMERGENCY OF WATER FLOWING FROM A SECOND FLOOR STAIRWELL OF BUILDING 208. THE SOURCE OF THE FLOODING WAS AN OVERFLOWING SHOWER IN A SECOND FLOOR ROOM CAUSED BY A DRUNK MALE PASSING OUT IN THE SHOWER AND COVERING THE DRAIN.

INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances

AUG 5 2004-Thursday

Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 1

Summary: A COMBS COURT RESIDENT REPORTED A LARGE EGG IN HER BACKYARD. THE OBJECT TURNED OUT TO BE A MUSHROOM.

INCIDENT Missing Person

AUG 6 2004-Friday

Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 1

Summary: A WHITE COURT RESIDENT REPORTED HIS GIRLFRIEND MISSING AFTER BEING GONE EIGHT HOURS FOR A HAIR APPOINTMENT. SHE RETURNED HOME SAFELY.

INCIDENT Suspicious Group

AUG 11 2004-Wednesday

Location: FREDERICK PARK 2

Summary: OFFICERS INVESTIGATED A REPORT OF A GROUP OF MEN INSIDE A VACANT FREDERICKSBURG COURT APARTMENT. OFFICERS DISCOVERED FOUR PAINTERS INSIDE SLEEPING.

INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances

AUG 13 2004-Friday

Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 1

Summary: A WHITE COURT RESIDENT WANTED TO HAVE HIS APARTMENT UNLOCKED. WHEN HE WAS TOLD TO CALL A LOCKSMITH HE FABRICATED AN EMERGENCY SO THAT OFFICERS WOULD GIVE HIM ACCESS.

INCIDENT Suspicious Circumstances

AUG 13 2004-Friday

Location: FREDERICK PARK 1

Summary: OFFICER MET WITH TWO PRINCETON COURT RESIDENTS REGARDING POSSIBLE VANDALISM TO THEIR APARTMENT DOORS. OFFICER DETERMINED THAT A PAINTING CONTRACTOR WAS IN THE PROCESS OF PAINTING THEIR DOORS.

INCIDENT Verbal Dispute Or Argument

AUG 14 2004-Saturday

Location: SCHOONOVER PARK 1

Summary: AN EDDE COURT RESIDENT REPORTED A VERBAL DISPUTE WITH THE DOMINOES PIZZA DELIVERY MAN.

INCIDENT Suspicious Vehicle

AUG 19 2004-Thursday

Location: EIGHTH STREET

Summary: OFFICERS CHECKED AN UNOCCUPIED VEHICLE PARKED IN A REMOTE AREA OF CAMPUS. OFFICERS FOUND A MAN SLEEPING IN A SLEEPING BAG BY THE VEHICLE. HE TOLD OFFICERS HE HAD MOVED HIS DAUGHTER INTO THE DORMS AND WAS WAITING TO HAVE BREAKFAST WITH HER IN THE MORNING.

INCIDENT Suspicious Vehicle

AUG 21 2004-Saturday

Location: ABRAMS PARK

Summary: OFFICER CHECKED AN OCCUPIED VEHICLE IN THE PARKING LOT. OFFICER FOUND A MALE AND FEMALE IN THE BACK OF THE VAN INVOLVED IN CONSENSUAL ACTIVITY.

INCIDENT Animal Control

AUG 26 2004-Thursday

Location: 206/RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: WHILE ON FOOT PATROL THE OFFICER DISCOVERED A SKUNK HIDING UNDER THE SODA MACHINE IN THE LOBBY. THE OFFICER LURED THE SKUNK OUTSIDE WITH A TRAIL OF CHEETOS AND CLOSED THE DOOR.

INCIDENT Suspicious Person

AUG 27 2004-Friday

Location: IMJIN PARKWAY

Summary: OFFICERS INVESTIGATED A REPORT OF A MAN RUNNING WEARING A HAT AND SHIRT BUT NO PANTS. OFFICERS DID NOT LOCATE THE SUBJECT.

INCIDENT/ALARM Fire Alarm

AUG 28 2004-Saturday

Location: NORTH QUAD SUITES (SOUTH)

Summary: OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A FIRE ALARM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF BUILDING 302. THE CAUSE OF THE ALARM WAS AN INCINERATED PRETZEL.

VC VIOLATION Trespassing With Vehicle On Campus

AUG 31 2004-Tuesday

Location: FOURTH AVENUE

Summary: OFFICER STOPPED A DRIVER AND CITED HIM FOR DRIVING ON THE SIDEWALK.

INCIDENT/ALARM Fire Alarm

SEP 2 2004-Thursday

Location: 208/RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION ON THE THIRD FLOOR. THERE WAS NO FIRE. BURNT POPCORN ACTIVATED A SMOKE DETECTOR.

INCIDENT Missing Person

SEP 6 2004-Monday

Location: 203/RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: OFFICERS INVESTIGATED A REPORT OF A MISSING STUDENT. THE STUDENT WAS LOCATED IN SAN MARTIN AT HER HOME.

Battling the homework blues: Simple solutions to beat the stress bug

By Irina Reissler, Staff Reporter
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People handle stress differently. Some turn on music, some are simply glued to their refrigerator in search of a snack, while others get up and go for a run.

In the beginning of the semester, fears can be magnified by many situational obstacles making major goals seem fuzzy and distant. The scope of reasons that perpetuate distress at home can result from an avalanche of undone homework the night before a deadline.

The negative ways of deal-

ing with stress, such as alcohol, smoking, and drugs prompt short-term relief, but normally will not alleviate the situation. Instead, it can add new addiction problems to existing ones.

Dropping classes is not necessarily the best solution in many cases. Pablo Reyes, a graduate from CSUMB, admits there was no choice for him since he could not pay bills otherwise.

"Without the support of my wife Natasha, who is an elementary school teacher in Soledad, I would be an old man by now. In my case, love was the best pill of all." Reyes was brave enough to carry 22 units and a full-time job.

It may be very rewarding to take on the challenge of being a full-time student. Rushing with the decision to drop classes can set students back in getting important prerequisites out of the way to reach a higher level of education. It also delays one's graduation date. There is always

an opportunity to work out schedules in a manageable way.

Fighting laziness and procrastination is a crucial step for avoiding fatigue. Surprisingly, the big problems may only need small steps, linked with consistency and tenacity.

"Homework does not look scary to me because I do it in smaller portions at least one hour a day after my late class, no matter how tired I am," said Mary Medland, who manages her three children and has a part-time job. "It gives me the security that I won't have to stay up all night before a deadline."

It is always good to take a short break and walk away

from the demands of homework. In those breaks, students can energize themselves in many ways.

Try visiting the Otter Sports Center for a quick workout to ease tension. The Student Center, next to the Dining Commons, can also be a perfect retreat from homework for games, snacks, or just to get a change in scenery.

If these simple solutions still leave students feeling completely overwhelmed, try visiting the Academic Skills Achievement Program (ASAP), which is a free peer and professional tutoring

center for areas such as writing, math, business and technology, among others.

The Personal Growth and Counseling Center is another great resource for those who just need to talk to someone. According to their Web site, their mission is to "provide high quality crisis intervention, counseling, consultation, educational outreach programs, support groups, and referrals, all designed to help students."

All contact phone numbers are available on the CSUMB home page, or via e-mail on FirstClass.



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Dining

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on Reservation Road in Marina, and enjoy! Here students can keep it simple by grabbing a toasted bagel sandwich and a soda that's bound to put anyone in a happy place.

Adam Nielsen, a TAT senior said, "The prices are decent. You get in and out of there full, for under five bucks, which is good for college kids looking for a quick bite."

Aside from its great bagel sandwiches, their donuts, muffins, and turnovers will make starving students drool, as a cashier might kindly ask, "Anything else?"

While listening to the sounds of milk being steamed, try ordering a mocha latte and eavesdrop on the senior citizens talking politics as they raise their canes. While warming up from being amidst the Monterey fog, it's easy to realize that life is good.

Although life's good, it can still get pricy eating out. Some students, such as Nick Ferrari, think eating out is a waste of money. "All I like to do is cook food

myself. I don't like to spend a lot of money on food."

But when the grocery store is closed and the thought of hot plates, porridge, and the Ramen with the freeze-dried pink krill sound disgusting, throw that shrimp in a turtle tank and head to Papa Chevo's. Chevo's is located off Reindollar and Del Monte in Marina, and offers some good, cheap Mexican food.

Some students like Nielsen, who works late in a restaurant, are slightly addicted to Chevo's great hours (open till 12 a.m. during weeknights and 2 a.m. on weekends) and hearty California Burritos.

"Papa Chevo's rules! That's all I have to say. Today I had a California steak Burrito with extra guacamole and a medium horchata for \$5.66. I'm like a spokesperson. It's so good. It's the only place to get a late night snack besides Jack in the Crack," Nielsen said.

So before hungry students convince themselves that Cup-O-Noodles is the answer, remember, there are plenty of other options.

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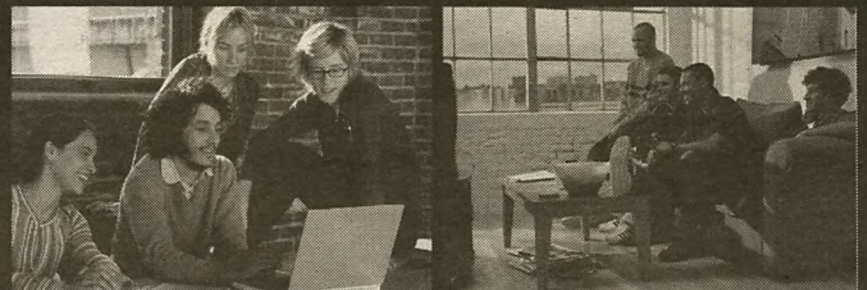
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Opinion

The debate: Can you really graduate from CSUMB in four years?

Lack of schedule options and multiple requirements make it impossible.

No!

By Matthew Fox

Oh what? You're still here? Good because your going to be here along time, probably longer than four years.

Do you think you can really graduate from this college in four years? Sure, if you want to work twice what any normal college student is suppose to. Trying to graduate in four years is so difficult that you actually have to have your advisor sign off your schedule because the workload is two steps away from hell. Your advisor has to make sure you are anal enough to pull it off before he or she can give you the go ahead.

Also, at any other school, each class is worth 3 units so 12 units would be 4 classes instead of only 3 and you would be done with more of the schools requirements quicker. 12 Units is defined as a full time college student. At most schools this gives you enough time to have a job while going to school all while allowing you to graduate in a timely manner.

This measurement of units doesn't apply with the CSUMB system, because each class is worth 4 units. No one has ever explained to me why this is and they probably haven't to you either.

There aren't even enough classes available to the students to meet these requirements. Have you ever tried to sign up for a class late? Your chances of actually getting into the class are pretty slim.

I tried to sign up for a Spanish class late

once, and I couldn't find a place to fit it into my schedule, there weren't enough schedule options. I was told to wait because

more Spanish classes might be added. There weren't and none of the Spanish teachers were adding any students.

I had to postpone taking a Spanish class for a whole semester, which pushed my schedule back yet another semester, and dulled my knowledge of Spanish as well.

The point of this school is to make sure you really know what you are doing by having students prove it in the real world, through classes like service learning, and democratic participation. True it's a good idea on paper but I think a test would actually push us to learn more and it wouldn't waste so much time.

Service based learning outcome crap just makes us have to work even harder than we need to again wasting even more of our time. Other public colleges in California just decided to make volunteer work a requirement, and they are only required to complete 16 hours of it. Our school requires that you take 60 hours of volunteer work, along with classes based around it.

Good luck to anyone who tries to graduate in four years, you probably could have finished with two degrees from any other school with the amount of time and energy you put into it.

Trying to graduate in four years is so difficult that you actually have to have your advisor sign off your schedule because the workload is two steps away from hell. Your advisor has to make sure you are anal enough to pull it off before he or she can give you the go ahead.

With more units per class, it's easy to take on extra classes and still have time for a job.

Yes!

By Erin Lawley

Quit your bitchin' folks. Start taking responsibility for yourselves. We're all adults here; it really isn't hard to do this whole college thing in four years.

Quit complaining about the tuition increases when it's your own fault you're taking six years to graduate. Take initiative and perhaps open your college catalog. Maybe you could actually discover what the requirements are for your major...if you've actually picked one by now.

Take charge of your education and do it right. I hear students complain way too much about professors not letting them into classes, advisors not doing their jobs, etc. It isn't anyone else's fault people!

There are so many helpful opportunities at this university, you just need to get off your ass and take advantage of them. CSUMB's website is stock full of email addresses and

phone numbers to help students in their dire time of need.

If you're going to go through the hassle of being here in the first place, make it worth your time and money. Do you realize how much extra money you spend by procrastinating? Especially with the governor's continuing education budget cuts and tuition increases.

For those students who don't even have jobs, why are you only taking 12 units? That's less than a high school course load if you think about it. And that was with band and leadership and football. What do you

do now? Oh that's right, I forgot drinking was a class in itself.

There are students who have families, full-time jobs, 16 units and a 3.0. What the hell is your excuse? Stop trying to think of one...there isn't. College really isn't all that hard if you dedicate some actual time to learning.

You can't graduate in less than five years if you take the minimum full load. CSUMB offers 4-unit classes, where most other CSU's offer 3-unit classes. That whole extra unit per class really doesn't amount to much or any more work than the traditional 3-unit class.

It still takes 124 or 128 units (depending on your major) to graduate from CSUMB, just like all the other CSU's. So having classes that are 4-units makes it easier to graduate in 4-years. But you have to average 16 units a semester.

That's only four classes, instead of five at other universities.

12 units at Chico State or Sac State is four classes. Its only three here. We're all (technically) grown-ups living outside of the parental confines for the first time, how about we make them proud. Lets show our families their money is actually going towards more than beer and Taco Bell.

Perhaps instead of spending every Thursday night at Doc's for dollar drinks you actually do that crazy thing called homework. I know it's a hard concept to comprehend, but the university has faith in you.

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Up is down, black is white

The RNC has come and gone, but Realm editors are still shaking their heads

Near the end of the Republican National Convention, Sen. John Edwards spoke before a crowd of supporters in Wisconsin and tried not to say what he was really thinking.

"They'll tell you black is white," Edwards told the crowd, referring to the speeches given by his and Sen. John Kerry's opponents at the RNC.

Edwards didn't want to come out and actually call anybody a liar; now that wouldn't be very political of him. But one thing Democrats, Republicans, Greens and all political parties can agree on, is that someone is lying. There is no such thing as a difference of opinion when it comes to American jobs, the environment and war. There are only facts.

So if one person is telling me that Americans can't find jobs, and the other is trying to classify McDonald's as an industrial job to boost employment projections, then someone is lying. And if one person is telling me that we are ill

prepared to face the threat in Iraq and Afghanistan, while the other is declaring major combat operations over, then someone is lying.

But Edwards didn't want to use the "L" word, he decided to take the metaphor route instead, and he wasn't the only one displaying a creative use of language that week.

For their keynote speaker the GOP chose a Democratic Senator from Georgia named Zell Miller. As expected Miller launched into a tirade reminiscent of a senile southern preacher ranting about the Apocalypse. The rant included blaming his own party for fostering divisiveness in America (Miller is only still a Dem because no one would care what he was saying if he was just a partisan Republican), and telling the audience John Kerry would arm the military with spit balls.

Following the speech Miller appeared on Hardball with Chris Mathews. Mathews decided to ask Miller if he actually believed

his spit ball comment about Kerry. After another tirade about metaphors and personal attacks, Miller told Mathews that he "wished we still lived in the times where you could challenge someone to a duel."

Nothing makes us at the Realm more trusting of a politician's ability to make rational and difficult decisions than when they threaten to shoot journalists for asking them tough questions. Of course, if it happened more often then maybe more people would pay attention to the news.

The RNC was a perfect chance for the current administration to lay out their plan for America, perhaps even coaxing a few undecided swing voters into the fantasy land of trickle

down economics. True to form the GOP used their podium time to revisit old catch phrases from the past like "compassionate conservatism," or imply that the terrorists will win if Kerry is elected, and were basically content to feed the American public the same old lines and the same old shit.

Two of the other speakers who came to the convention to trumpet the cause of Republican dominance in America were Ronald Reagan's son, Michael Reagan, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. I suppose they were there to remind us that we shouldn't let celebrities from Hollywood speak

out in matters of national importance, unless of course, they're speaking out for Republicans.

In the end, when George W. Bush lays it out as a simple choice between values, he will be partially right. There is a simple choice come November, a choice between who one believes. Do you believe that America can be more self-reliant at home, more respected abroad, and more accountable for fulfilling the American dream for all people?

Or do you believe that knowing we are on "threat level orange" will save you from a car bomb today?



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Jessica Sanchez: A student beyond her college years

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Jessica Sanchez, a 20-year-old Humanities and Communications junior at CSUMB, lives under a philosophy based on cultural relativism, humility, and self-motivation.

"I've really embraced what HCOM wants from its students," Sanchez said.

Originally from Guatemala, Sanchez exclaims that she could never take her college education for granted. She reiterates how much she is "really enjoying her academic life at CSUMB."

Her work ethic led her beyond the regular school year this past summer completing the first part of the McNair Scholars Program, a very selective graduate program at Claremont College. In the six week rigorous summer session, Sanchez completed three graduate-level courses: quantitative statistics, research writing, and race and identity.

Sanchez will eventually com-

plete a yearlong thesis affiliated with the McNair Scholars Program and present it in front of a graduate committee.

Unsure of her career goals, she knows she wants to either be in the field of social work or cultural ethnicity. Along with the many hours a week put into her studies, Sanchez also works in a Pebble Beach hotel in the room service department. In Sanchez's two years at CSUMB, she has been a Student Representative for HCOM, a Peer Advisor, and assisted in coordinating the Summer Bridge Program.

Though her days are filled to the brim with dedication, responsibility, and many challenges, her composure remains mild mannered and laid back. The sound of her laugh fills any room with a warmth that is also found in her intuitive eyes.

Her hard work and accomplishments cause excitement and motivation in all who come in contact with her. She speaks of her family in particular, who have



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gained higher expectations for the possibilities that lay ahead for her younger siblings.

Sanchez knows the path ahead of her will be more challenging, planning to pursue her master's degree

at Brown or Stanford University, but she is willing to accept any challenge put in front of her.

Person On Campus

What would you ask if you had to ask the Otter Realm one question?

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Brittany Fischer
JUNIOR

"Are you going to tell us about the fall break and what is happening with that?"



Jackelin Elliott
JUNIOR &
Samantha Serna
SOPHOMORE

"Are you going to inform the students about on-campus events?"



Melody Nelson
SENIOR

"What is there to do for student night life off campus?"



Nick Strubbe
JUNIOR

"Is it possible to have students submit work for publishing?"